

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-35. (Canceled)

36. (Amended) An elongated sheet of light gauge metal from which one or more truss chord members may be formed, said sheet comprising along the length thereof one or more pairs of opposing notches, the portion of said sheet between said opposing notches forming apertured portions of reduced width.

37. The sheet of Claim 36 wherein said one or more apertured portions include a grid of apertures comprising two or more rows of spaced apart apertures.

38. The sheet of Claim 37 wherein said grid of apertures is at least six inches long.

39. The sheet of Claim 37 wherein said grid of apertures includes at least twenty spaced apart apertures.

40-71. (Canceled)

72. (New) A blank from which one or more truss chord members may be formed, said blank comprising an elongated sheet of light gauge metal having at least two wide portions with substantially parallel longitudinal edges and a narrow portion intermediate said wide portions, said narrow portion having substantially parallel longitudinal edges each spaced from the longitudinal axis of said sheet a distance less than the longitudinal edges of said wide portions, said narrow portion including a grid of apertures.